

Fairbanks, Alaska

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Fairbanks, Alaska - Information Site!

Fairbanks, Alaska information on activities and events for our customers and friends.

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63 °F
Scattered Clouds
at 3:53 PM

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To help you learn more about Fairbanks Alaska and plan your visit to our great state, the Ranch Motel has made available here a number of resources.

Fairbanks, Alaska is:

Fairbanks, 358 miles north of Anchorage (by way of the Parks Highway), likes to think that it (instead of Delta) is the end of the Alaska Highway. Its central location makes it the focal point for the tiny villages scattered throughout the surrounding wilderness, and Fairbanks is a staging point for North Slope villages such as Barrow and the oil fields of Prudhoe Bay.

Fairbanks is called "The Golden Heart of Alaska," a reference



to the character of her people as much as to the location of Fairbanks in Alaska's interior, or to the discovery of gold in 1902.

[Photo of gold panner is courtesy the University of Alaska Archives; Musher is from David Arlan Rogers.]

Alaska may be known for its harsh winter climate, but Fairbanksans prefer to think of their wonderful

Alaskan summers, and enjoy them to the fullest while they can. The Interior has temperatures ranging from 65 degrees below zero in the winter to 90 degrees above in the summer. Gardening in big in the Interior. [Alaska Gardens](#) abound.



Because Fairbanks is just 188 miles south of the Arctic Circle (above which the sun neither sets during the summer solstice, nor rises during the winter equinox) we also have very long summer days. The shortest winter day of the year has less than three hours of sunlight, the longest (around June 21) never really ends, though officially it has over 21 hours.

[Photo of Denali (Mount McKinley)]



We hope that with our site we are able to answer your questions about Fairbanks, and that you will even consider visiting in the off season, too. Many of our attractions (the [Aurora Borealis](#) (northern lights), dog races, etc) cannot be enjoyed in quite the same way in the summer. And besides, winter rates are often lower.

Alaska Is:

Alaska is now known as "The Last Frontier" but before that it was known as "The Land of a Thousand Smokes" due to volcanoes and earthquake activity. But it is a huge state, with room for a wide variety of landscape, from small waterfalls like this one, to huge mountains, flat treeless tundra, hot springs, glaciers, and on and on. We cannot do our state justice describing it here, or even showing you pictures. You have to experience Alaska. And much of the fun of the trip is here, in the Interior.



For More Help:

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